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OF PARTY SECRETARY OLSZOWSKI

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1. FOLLOWING FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK'S MEETING MAY 23 WITH MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE U.S.-POLISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL, CC-PZPR SECRETARY STEFAN OLSZOWSKI, WHO WAS PRESENT, SUGGESTED THAT I DROP AROUND SOME TIME TO HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE WITH HIM. ACCORDINGLY, I SPENT AN HOUR WITH HIM MAY 31.

2. OLSZOWSKI OUTLINED POLAND'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO U.S.-POLISH RELATIONS. ABOUT THE
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ECONOMY, HE SPOKE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. (A) THE ECONOMIC SITUATION WAS NOT GOOD, BUT IT WAS NOT ALL BAD, EITHER. POLAND'S CURRENT ECONOMIC MANEUVER, HE SAID, REVOLVED AROUND THE REDUCTION OF THE RATE OF INVESTMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN RUNNING IN EXCESS OF 32 PERCENT IN 1975. NOW, IT HAD BEEN REDUCED TO ABOUT 30 PERCENT (HERE, OLSZOWSKI WAS REPEATING THE FIGURES JAROSZEWICZ GAVE THE SEJM MAY 30 -- REF). THIS WAS NOT LOW ENOUGH, HOWEVER; THE

GOAL FOR THIS YEAR WAS 26 PERCENT AND HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE STILL LOWER. NOW, WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF HUTA KATOWICE, THE COUNTRY'S NEED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF METALS COULD BE REGARDED AS MET AND THERE WAS NO REASON FOR FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS IN THIS FIELD. (B) THE BIG NEED FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WAS HOUSING. TWO-AND-A-HALF MILLION NEW APARTMENTS, WITH MODERN EQUIPMENT AND OF ADEQUATE SIZE TO ACCOMMODATE A FAMILY COMFORTABLY, WERE NEEDED AND SHOULD BE BUILT IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. (C) MODERN METHODS OF MANAGEMENT "ON AN ECONOMIC BASIS" (BY WHICH OLSZOWSKI CLEARLY MEANT MUCH THE SAME "ECONOMIC BASIS" AS IS APPLIED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF FIRMS IN THE WEST) HAD ALREADY BEEN INTRODUCED INTO FIVE BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY. IF THE LEADERSHIP WERE SUCCESSFUL, SUCH METHODS WOULD BE INTRODUCED BEFORE YEAR'S END OR EARLY NEXT YEAR IN METALLURGY AND HOUSING CONSTRUCTION. (COMMENT: THIS MEANS WOG'S FOR THOSE TWO BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY, AS WELL. END COMMENT) (D) WITH REGARD TO AGRICULTURE, THE NEW POLICY OF GIVING PRIVATE FARMERS PENSIONS WITHOUT REQUIRING THEM TO CEDE THEIR LAND TO THE STATE LAND FUND AS A PRECONDITION WAS WELCOMED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, OLSZOWSKI SAID. HE DREW THIS CONCLUSION FROM THE FACT THAT THE PRICE OF FARMLAND IS RISING. THE OBJECTIVE CONTINUES TO BE TO ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF LARGER FARMS, 30 TO 35 HECTARES ON THE AVERAGE, AND TO ACHIEVE A STRUCTURE IN WHICH STATE AND COLLECTIVE FARMS OCCUPY ABOUT 45 PERCENT OF THE ARABLE LAND AND PRIVATE FARMS ABOUT 55 PERCENT. BUT, OLSZOWSKI SAID, WE WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE PRIVATE FARMER THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO THAT RATION AND THAT HE CAN COUNT ON STABILITY IN OUR POLICY. ALREADY, OLSZOWSKI SAID CAUTIOUSLY, MEAT PRODUCTION SEEMS TO BE INCREASING, ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE ABOUT EIGHTEEN MONTHS OR SO BEFORE THE SUPPLY

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OF MEAT TO THE MARKET CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE SATISFACTORY. USING THE FIGURES CITED BY JAROSZEWICZ (REF), OLSZOWSKI SAID THAT THE PROBLEM OF SUPPLYING THE MARKET CURRENTLY AND ADEQUATELY WOULD PERSIST, BUT WAS THE SUBJECT OF CONSTANT ATTENTION BY THE LEADERSHIP AND COULD, HE THOUGHT, BE MANAGED. (E) HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE THIRD SESSION OF THE U.S.-POLISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL AND WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION. IT WAS TRUE THAT THE EXCELLENT MEAT-PACKING AND PROCESSING PLANTS WHICH HAD BEEN BUILT BY AMERICAN FIRMS WERE NOT YET WORKING AT CAPACITY, BUT THAT WAS SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH ANIMALS BEING SOLD TO THE STATE TO SUPPLY THEM. (F) THERE WAS A LARGE UNFAVORABLE BALANCE IN POLISH-AMERICAN TRADE, BUT, WITH TIME, HE EXPECTED THAT TO BE CORRECTED. HE THOUGHT THAT SPECIALIST IN THE WEST, INCLUDING THE U.S., REALIZED THAT POLAND'S INDEBTEDNESS WAS NOT A REASON FOR ALARM. POLAND HAD THE RAW MATERIALS AND THE SKILLED LABOR WHICH WERE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT IT COULD MEET ITS DEBTS TO ALL ITS CREDITORS, PROVIDED, OF COURSE, THAT IT WAS ABLE TO PURSUE ITS COURSE WITH HARD WORK AND IN TRANQUILITY.

3. THAT, SAID OLSZOWSKI, BROUGHT HIM TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION. IN GENERAL, HE SAID, THIS WAS NOT BAD AT ALL. THAT DID NOT MEAN, HE ADDED, THAT WE ARE NOT PAYING CAREFUL ATTENTION TO ALL THE RIPPLES WHICH ARE EVIDENT IN THE COUNTRY. OF COURSE, HE SAID, WE DO NOT APPRECIATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE (WDC), BUT WE ALSO DO NOT EXAGGERATE THE EFFECT OF THESE. IN RECENT WEEKS, THERE HAD BEEN SOME RISE IN TENSION AND IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO PLACE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN INVESTIGATIVE DETENTION SO AS TO ENSURE THAT NOBODY SHOULD CREATE A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE AUTHORITIES AND "A CERTAIN SECTION OF THE YOUTH." POLAND WAS SITUATED WHERE IT WAS IN EUROPE AND COULD NOT CHANGE THAT FACT.

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BUT IT WAS SOMETIMES QUITE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN ITS FULL CONSEQUENCES TO A NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY OR A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD GIRL. ONE COULD NOT EXPECT THEM TO HAVE THE POLITICAL WISDOM OF OLDER PEOPLE -- PEOPLE WHO HAD PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE FULL SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT, AND OTHER, FACTS OF POLAND'S POLITICAL LIFE. HE HARDLY THOUGHT THAT, WHATEVER THE IDEAS OF SOME PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE BEEN, THEY CAME IN ANY WAY CLOSE TO ENDAN-

GERING THE POLITICAL STABILITY OF THE COUNTRY. (COMMENT: OLSZOWSKI WAS REFERRING HERE TO THE ALLEGATIONS PUBLISHED IN THE POLISH PRESS, THAT MEMBERS OF THE WDC HAD PLANNED TO CREATE A CONFRONTATION IN KRAKOW DURING THE MEMORIAL PROCESSION FOR STANISLAW PYJAS. END COMMENT.) BUT A CONFRONTATION WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE COULD HAVE EFFECTS WHICH WERE BETTER AVOIDED; EFFECTS, FIRST OF ALL, ON THE YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES WHO MIGHT BE INVOLVED. THE POLISH AUTHORITIES BELIEVED THAT THEY HAD A CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIVELY LIBERAL APPROACH TO THESE PROBLEMS. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE SOME MEMBERS OF THE WORKERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE WERE IN JAIL AT THE MOMENT, IT DID NOT AT ALL FOLLOW THAT THEY WOULD BE TRIED OR WOULD REMAIN THERE FOR A LONG TIME. "THERE ARE THOSE IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES," OLSZOWSKI SAID WITH A SMILE, "WHO BELIEVE THIS SORT OF THING SHOULD BE HANDLED DIFFERENTLY, BUT WE HAVE OUR OWN EXPERIENCE AND MAKE UP OUR OWN MINDS." THE POLISH AUTHORITIES DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE WAY TO PROCEED WAS BY TIGHTENING THE SCREWS. IT WANTED TO MAINTAIN ORDER, BUT TO DO SO WITHOUT REPRESSION. I HAD NO DOUBT OBSERVED THE WAY IN WHICH THE AUTHORITIES HAD REACTED TO THE HUNGER STRIKE IN ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH. THIS APPROACH WAS NOT A SIGN OF WEAKNESS, OLSZOWSKI SAID, BUT RATHER OF STRENGTH.

4. HE DID NOT WANT TO SOUND AN ALARM, FOR HE THOUGHT THERE WAS NO REAL REASON TO DO SO, BUT HE COULD NOT FORBEAR FROM REMARKING HERE THAT THE BROADCASTS OF RADIO FREE EUROPE WERE INFLAMMATORY IN THIS SITUATION. OVER THE YEARS, HE SAID, ENOUGH GOOD POLES HAD LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR LOST CAUSES SO THAT, HE THOUGHT, THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG MOST POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS PEOPLE OF POLISH ORIGIN, BOTH IN POLAND AND ABROAD, THAT MORE SHOULD NOT BE INCITED TO DO SO. BUT, HE SAID, HE WOULD RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO SPEAK AS THOUGH HE STILL HELD HIS FORMER POST OF FOREIGN MINISTER.

5. THERE ARE LIGHTS AND SHADOWS IN THE PICTURE, HE SAID, AS, HE SUPPOSED, THERE WERE IN ANY POLITY. ON THE WHOLE, HE WAS QUITE OPTIMISTIC. HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN STRIVING TO MASTER THE FACTS ABOUT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION, SECTOR BY SECTOR, IN ORDER TO SORT OUT THE PRIORITIES. SOME OF THESE HE HAD ALREADY POINTED OUT TO ME, E.G., THE TRANSITION TO "ECONOMIC" MANAGEMENT IN HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AND METALLURGY. HE COULD NOT SAY THAT HE FELT HE HAD YET ACHIEVED AS COMPLETE A GRASP OF THE ENTIRE ECONOMY AS HE WOULD LIKE, BUT HE WAS CONTINUING TO WORK ON THE PROBLEM. HE DID FEEL THAT HE HAD ALREADY LEARNED ENOUGH TO WARRANT A GUARDED OPTIMISM.

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6. WITH REGARD TO U.S.- POLISH RELATIONS, HE SAID, HE HOPED THAT WE WOULD GO AHEAD AND MAKE EVEN GREATER PROGRESS THAN HAD OCCURRED DURING HIS INCUMBENCY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE SAW EVERY REASON WHY WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS. THERE WERE PROBLEMS ON BOTH SIDES, HE SAID. HE KNEW HOW CONCERNED WE WERE TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE UNIFICATION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES. HE WANTED TO ASSURE ME THAT PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE. ONE OF THE THINGS OF WHICH HE WAS PROUDEST ABOUT HIS TENURE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS THE FACT THAT THE DIFFICULT KNOT IN POLISH-FRG RELATIONS HAD BEEN UNTIED. HE COULD NOT TAKE CREDIT FOR THIS HIMSELF -- INDEED, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAD GIVEN A SUBSTANTIAL PUSH TO THIS PROCESS AT A COUPLE OF POINTS -- BUT THE FACT REMAINED THAT POLAND HAD UNDERTAKEN AN OBLIGATION TO PERMIT THE DEPARTURE OF A NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND WAS MEETING AND WOULD CONTINUE TO MEET THAT OBLIGATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WERE PROBLEMS ABOUT THE ACCESS OF POLISH GOODS TO THE U.S. MARKET. ONE OF THE REASONS FOR HIS PLEASURE WITH THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING WAS BECAUSE THE PROMINENT AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WHO ATTENDED WERE COGNIZANT OF AND SYMPATHETIC WITH POLAND'S PROBLEMS IN THIS REGARD.

7. IN SUM, OLSZOWSKI SAID, HE WAS VERY GRATIFIED BY THE PROGRESS WE HAD MADE IN DEVELOPING OUR RELATIONS AND ENCOURAGED TO BELIEVE THAT FURTHER PROGRESS WAS POSSIBLE.

8. RESPONDING, I SAID I AGREED IN GENERAL WITH HIS PROGNOSIS ON U.S.-POLISH RELATIONS. WITHOUT PUTTING MYSELF IN THE POSITION OF COMMENTING IN DETAIL ON POLISH INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ALTHOUGH WE IN THE EMBASSY WERE CAREFUL STUDENTS OF THESE, I ALSO AGREED GENERALLY WITH A GOOD DEAL OF WHAT HE HAD SAID ON THAT SCORE. I RECEIVE A NUMBER OF POLISH-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS EACH WEEK, I SAID, AND CONSEQUENTLY KNOW HOW CLOSELY THE SITUATION IN POLAND IS FOLLOWED BY MY COUNTRYMEN OF POLISH ORIGIN. ANY SUBSTANTIAL TURN AWAY FROM WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD DESCRIBED AS A RELATIVELY "LIBERAL" APPROACH WOULD BE REFLECTED IMMEDIATELY AND MOST

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ADVERSELY AMONG THE POLITICALLY SIGNIFICANT POLISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. BUT THE SECRETARY WAS AS CONSCIOUS OF THIS AS I.

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9. I HAD LISTENED CAREFULLY TO WHAT HE HAD SAID ABOUT RADIO
FREE EUROPE AND WOULD TRANSMIT IT TO MY AUTHORITIES. THE SECRE-
TARY WAS WELL AWARE OF THE SEPARATION BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH AND THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING AND THE CON-
SEQUENT INABILITY OF THE FORMER TO CONTROL THE LATTER.

10. THAT SAID, HOWEVER, AND AGAIN WITHOUT ANY INTENTION OF ENTER-
ING INTO THE DETAILS OF POLISH INTERNAL AFFAIRS, NEWS EVENTS
HAD A LOGIC OF THEIR OWN AND "MYSTERIOUS DEATHS" EVEN MORE THAN
OTHER KINDS. THE FACT THAT, AMONG THE HUNGER-STRIKERS WERE THE
WIFE AND SISTER OF ONE OF THE MEN IMPRISONED AFTER THE RIOTING
AT RADOM ALSO HAD A HUMAN APPEAL; ONE COULD HARDLY FAIL TO FEEL
SYMPATHY FOR THESE WOMEN.

11. OLSZOWSKI SAID HE QUITE AGREED WITH WHAT I HAD SAID. WITH
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REGARD TO THE DEATH OF STANISLAW PYJAS, AN INVESTIGATION WAS PRO-
CEEDING. HE HAD REPRESENTED THE VIEW THAT THE ONLY WAY TO DEAL
WITH THIS MATTER WAS TO MAKE FULL DISCLOSURE OF ALL THE FACTS.
BECAUSE AN INVESTIGATION BY THE REGULARLY CONSTITUTED AUTHORI-
TIES WOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS CREDIBLE BY SOME, THE PROMINENT
KRAKOW CRIMINAL LAWYER, ROZMARINOWSKI, HAD BEEN ASKED TO PAR-
TICIPATE. THIS WAS THE LAWYER FOR THE KRAKOW ARCHIEPISCOPATE

AND A MAN WHO HAD AN OUTSTANDING RECORD AS A DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN A NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES WHICH HAD ATTRACTED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION IN POLAND. PARENTHETICALLY, OLSZOWSKI SAID, DURING THE 1968 STUDENT RIOTING, THE RUMOR HAD SPREAD THAT A GIRL, GOLEBIEWSKA, HAD BEEN KILLED. THE STUDENTS WERE INCENSED AT THIS NEWS AND ONE COULD UNDERSTAND THAT. THE SITUATION WAS DEFUSED ONLY WHEN MISS GOLEBIEWSKA WAS FOUND, QUITE SAFE AND SOUND, AND APPEARED ON TELEVISION TO DISCOUNT THE REPORT OF HER DEMISE AS PREMATURE, TO SAY THE LEAST. WITH REGARD TO THE WIFE AND SISTER OF CHOMICKI, OLSZOWSKI SAID, IT WAS INDEED NATURAL TO FEEL SYMPATHY FOR THESE WOMEN, WHO WERE ACTING RATHER DESPERATELY IN THE EFFORT TO HELP THEIR HUSBAND AND BROTHER. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, NO DOUBT ABOUT CHOMICKI'S GUILT OR HIS STATUS AS A FOUR-TIME LOSER BEFORE THE RADOM RIOTING OCCURRED. LIKE ALL CONVICTED PERSONS, HE WOULD HAVE TO SERVE HIS SENTENCE, BUT COULD EXPECT TIME OFF FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR. THE CHOMICKI WOMEN WERE ILL-ADVISED, SAID OLSZOWSKI, TO THINK THAT THEY COULD CHANGE THIS SITUATION BY PARTICIPATING IN A HUNGER-STRIKE.

12. I SAID I ONLY HAD ONE OTHER COMMENT, OR, RATHER, QUESTION. AS THE SECRETARY MIGHT KNOW, WE HAD RECENTLY LEARNED FROM A NUMBER OF POLISH OFFICIALS THAT POLAND MIGHT CONSIDER JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF). I WONDERED WHETHER THE SECRETARY HAD ANY VIEW ON THIS. OLSZOWSKI SAID HE HAD BEEN STUDYING THIS VERY SUBJECT. THERE WERE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES TO JOINING AND PROBLEMS AROSE AS SOON AS THE QUESTION WAS BROACHED. BUT THE SUBJECT REMAINED UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. I SAID THAT, FOLLOWING THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL SESSION, WE IN THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT POLAND'S CONFIDENTIAL

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FOREIGN-TRADE PROBLEMS AND THE QUESTION OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE IMF HAD ARISEN. ONE POINT OF VIEW IN OUR EMBASSY WAS THAT, FOLLOWING THE INFLUX INTO THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM OF SO MUCH OIL MONEY, A PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION AND REFORM OF THAT SYSTEM WAS BOUND TO COME SOONER OR LATER. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT HAD BEEN RECALLED THAT, UNDER SOMEWHAT ANALOGOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DEVICE OF THE SDR HAD BEEN CREATED. BUT, OF COURSE, ONLY IMF MEMBERS HAD BEEN ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THESE. I ADDED THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAD NO POLICY WITH REGARD TO POLISH MEMBERSHIP OF THE IMF, BUT I THOUGHT THESE CONSIDERATIONS WERE WORTH THINKING ABOUT. OLSZOWSKI AGREED AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD AT SOME FUTURE POINT TO DISCUSSING THIS WITH ME FURTHER.

13. WE PARTED, SAYING THAT THE EXCHANGE HAD BEEN USEFUL AND THAT WE SHOULD MEET AGAIN TO CHAT IN THIS FASHION BEFORE TOO MUCH TIME PASSES.

14. COMMENT: I AM NOT SURE THAT OLSZOWSKI HAD ANY SINGLE PURPOSE

IN SUGGESTING THIS MEETING. CLEARLY, HE HAD WANTED TO SIGNAL, ON THE HEELS OF THE SPASOWSKI VISIT TO WASHINGTON (TO WHICH HE DID NOT REFER) AND OF THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING, THAT THE LIGHT WAS AS GREEN AS EVER FOR PROGRESS IN U.S.-POLISH RELATIONS GENERALLY, AND TRADE RELATIONS, IN PARTICULAR. CLEARLY, TOO, HE WANTED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT RFE IN A LESS FORMAL FASHION THAN THAT EMPLOYED BY AMBASSADOR WUJEK AND MRS. PASTECKA WITH DCM BROWN ON MAY 25. NO DOUBT, HE WAS CONCERNED TO COUNTERACT THE SPATE OF STORIES IN THE WEST WHICH, IN THE WORDS OF MY NEW FRG COLLEAGUE, MAKE IT APPEAR THAT POLAND "IS ON THE EVE OF AN EXPLOSION." WHATEVER THE IMMEDIATE OBJECT, THE PERFORMANCE WAS EXPERT, ADROIT, AND HIGHLY PLAUSIBLE. I FOUND THREE POINTS OF MORE THAN GENERAL INTEREST.

15. FIRST, OLSZOWSKI WAS AS VAGUE AS EVER ON DIVIDED FAMILIES. IT WAS INTERESTING THAT HE MENTIONED THE RELEASE OF EMIGRANTS TO THE FRG IN THIS CONTEXT AND DID NOT MAKE THE NOW TRADITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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DISTINCTION, I.E., THAT THESE ARE "ETHNIC GERMANS," WHILE THE PEOPLE IN WHOM WE ARE INTERESTED ARE POLES. WHETHER THIS HAS ANY PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE IS QUITE ANOTHER QUESTION.

16. SECOND, THERE WAS THE CLEAR IMPLICATION OF A LINK IN OLSZOWSKI'S CONNECTION OF POLAND'S ABILITY TO PAY ITS DEBTS AND THE NEED FOR TRANQUILITY. THIS COULD BE UNDERSTOOD ALONG THESE LINES. IF YOU WANT TO BE SURE WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO REPAY YOU, WHY DO YOU NOT DO SOMETHING TO CURB RFE? RFE BROADCASTS MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES WHICH WOULD ENABLE US TO ACHIEVE THE ECONOMIC SUCCESS WHICH MUST BE A PRE-CONDITION OF REPAYMENT. OF COURSE, OLSZOWSKI IS TOO SUBTLE TO FORMULATE SUCH A BALD STATEMENT, SIMPLISTICALLY DESIGNED TO APPEAL TO "CAPITALISTS" WHOSE SOLE CONCERN IS THOUGHT TO BE FOR THE REPAYMENT OF INTEREST AND CAPITAL. BUT THERE COULD BE OTHERS IN THE "SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH" WHO THINK THIS WOULD BE A CONVINCING CASE TO MAKE TO WESTERN BANKERS AND BUSINESSMEN.

17. FINALLY, THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH OLSZOWSKI SPOKE ABOUT THE POLISH STUDY OF IMF MEMBERSHIP INDICATES TO ME THAT, IF WE CONSIDERED IT USEFUL TO ENCOURAGE THE POLES TO APPLY, HE, FOR ONE, WOULD TREAT THIS AS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE EQUATION. END COMMENT.

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